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HOUSE BILL 770

Short Title: Environmental Practicality Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Wilkins (Primary Sponsor).
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Referred to: Environment.

April 11, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO SUSPEND ENFORCEMENT OF THE FALLS LAKE RULES FOR TWO
YEARS AND STUDY THE RULES' EFFICACY AND IMPACT ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS, BUSINESS, AND INDUSTRY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, neither the Department of Environment and Natural Resources nor any local government in the Upper Neuse Watershed (as that term is defined in Section 1.(a) of S.L. 2009-486) shall enforce any rules intended to allow the Falls of the Neuse reservoir to attain its classified uses, including, but not limited to, the rules codified at 15A NCAC 2B .0276 through .0282 and 15A NCAC 2B .0315(q).

SECTION 2. The Department shall study and report to the Environmental Review Commission no later than January 15, 2015, regarding its findings and recommendations regarding the following:

- (1) Alternative methods of attaining classified uses in the Falls of the Neuse reservoir that would have less economic impact on local governments, development, business, and industry in the Upper Neuse Watershed.
- (2) Trends in water quality in the Falls of the Neuse reservoir, based on water quality sampling between the effective date of this act and November 15, 2014, performed by the Division of Water Quality of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at the same sampling locations and using the same techniques as water quality sampling performed during 2011 and 2012.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and expires on June 30, 2015.

